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Speaker Abbott, Tony, MP

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Mr ABBOTT (Warringah—Leader of the Opposition) (14:18): I rise to support the fine words of the Prime Minister, and, yes, Peter Harvey was indeed an icon of journalism. He was the genial face of reporting in this country. He was a press gallery journalist who was universally liked rather than feared or scorned or both. Anyone who could describe Canberra's own Summernats as a kind of 'Floriade for revheads', as Peter Harvey did—and we were reminded of that just the other day—obviously had a simply brilliant turn of phrase.

He will be much missed, and on behalf of the coalition we offer condolences. I offer condolences to Anne, his wife, and to Adam, his son, who is a reporter for the ABC, and Claire, his daughter, who is the deputy editor of the *Sunday Telegraph*, who are both proudly carrying on their father's fine tradition.